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## Plundered Pirates

Knights explode for 110 points in destruction of ECU — SEE SPORTS, A7



## Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love

Van Halen's reunion tour hit the Amway Arena on Valentine's Day  
— SEE VARIETY, A10



### ANIMALS

## CAT IN A HOT TIN STORAGE CONTAINER



A cat who took a three-week cross-country ride to Arizona in a storage container is headed home to Florida. Arizona Humane Society officials say the 2-year-old gray cat crawled into the locker in Pompano Beach, Fla., while a man loaded it for a move to Phoenix. A worker heard a cat meowing inside the container.

### ANIMALS

## TAKE THE DOG, BUT LEAVE THE MONEY

After a dog was taken outside a bakery, owner Bert Clark offered a reward of about \$15,000. Richard Cassibo showed up with the dog. Authorities say Cassibo accepted a check for about \$10,000 and asked Clark to donate the rest to an animal hospital. Police said they charged Cassibo with conspiracy and corruptly taking a reward among other things.



### AROUND CAMPUS, A2

## KNIGHT-THON BEGINS SATURDAY IN THE UCF RECREATION CENTER

UCF's largest philanthropy, Knight-Thon, will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight in UCF's Recreation and Wellness Center. The event raises money that benefits the Children's Miracle Network.

### LOCAL & STATE, A2

## PILOT DIES AFTER 2 AIR FORCE PLANES CRASH OFF FLORIDA

An Air Force fighter pilot died Wednesday after his plane and another likely collided and crashed into the Gulf of Mexico just off Florida's coast during a training exercise. The other pilot was rescued and is expected to survive.

### NATION & WORLD, A4

## MCCAIN DENIES REPORT SUGGESTING A SECRET RELATIONSHIP

John McCain emphatically denied a romantic relationship with a female telecommunications lobbyist on Thursday and said a report by *The New York Times* suggesting favoritism for her clients is "not true."

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### TODAY'S WEATHER



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### SGA ELECTION RESULTS

# 12,000 STUDENTS PICK THE WINNER



Logan Berkowitz (left) and Brandon Delanois (right) celebrate after the announcement came that they had won the SGA election.

## Berkowitz ticket wins election

ROBYN SIDERSKY  
Staff Writer

Just under 12,000 students cast their ballots in the 2008 SGA presidential elections this week, giving victory to Logan Berkowitz and Brandon Delanois, as well as passing both referendums.

Berkowitz/Delanois won 57.67 percent of the vote, while Adam Giery and Austin Smith captured 42.12 percent of the vote. Write-in candidates received less than one percent of the vote.

When voting ended at 5 p.m., campaigners from both sides gathered together and celebrated in front of the Student Union. Clearly, both sides were exhausted from a long week of campaigning, but all were anxious to hear the results.

At about 5:45 p.m., the Election Commission took the stage, and both sides gathered together. A mass of yellow-shirted Berkowitz and Delanois supporters huddled in a circle in the front, and a crowd of teal-shirted Giery and Smith supporters gathered more to the side.

First, the results of the referendums were announced, receiving cheers from both sides. Finally, election com-

PLEASE SEE **BERKOWITZ** ON A6

## Giery, Smith lose '08 SGA election

SHAHDAI RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

Adam Giery and Austin Smith will not be walking away from the 2008 SGA presidential election as student body president and vice president, despite devoting many hours talking to students at voting stations during the week.

"I'm disappointed," Giery said. "But that is a part of the election process."

Since Jan. 20, when candidates announced their intentions to run for SGA president, both Giery and Smith said they have put a lot of time and energy into their campaign. This week, all that hard work came down to student voting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

As students walked around campus for those three days, they were asked the constant question: "Did you vote yet?"

Both candidates had their supporters and volunteers out at stations all over campus encouraging people to vote and telling them who they should vote for and why.

The stations' volunteers had computers set up so that passersby could vote on the spot. They were also giving out platform fliers for those who were still undecided.

Some of

PLEASE SEE **GIERY** ON A5



## Berkowitz, Delanois win

ROBYN SIDERSKY  
Staff Writer

The road to SGA victory wasn't an easy one for Logan Berkowitz and Brandon Delanois. It included thousands of dollars in campaign materials, hours of physical labor and lost sleep.

Delanois even made trips to several regional campuses this week to talk to the students there, while Berkowitz floated around the UCF main campus meeting students.

"It wasn't about the votes," Delanois said. "We wanted to show the students we cared about them."

The majority of the work wasn't done just in the last week, though. The team has been preparing for the election for the last few months.

"Four months ago we both assessed what we were doing the next year of our life," Berkowitz said. "We would both still be at UCF, and we



Supporters congratulate Brandon Delanois after he and Logan Berkowitz won the SGA election Wednesday. Berkowitz will become president, Delanois will be vice president.

both would still have passion for SGA."

About 200 people volunteered for the campaign in one way or another, from making signs to fundraising

to promoting for the team on election days.

"We said this from the beginning. Our strength is

PLEASE SEE **CAMPAIGN** ON A6

## Center looks to sun for answers

FSEC finds ways to supply energy

AMANDA WELCH  
Staff Writer

Oil is running out, and researchers are looking for another way to supply the world with the energy it needs.

UCF's solar energy research institute, the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC), believes that the answer lies in the sun.

"The bottom line is we won't be talking about ethanol and liquid fuel and stuff," said FSEC Director James Fenton. "It will be electrons."

The research institute focuses on a variety of solar energy topics.

Photovoltaic systems convert solar energy to electricity. Hydrogen and fuel cells allow solar energy to be used to power automobiles. Building science involves equipping a home to reduce energy usage and efficiently use solar energy. Solar thermal technology uses solar energy to make hot water.

Fenton said solar thermal technology is of particular importance because 15 percent of the energy used in a home is spent on making hot water alone.

The solar thermal testing laboratory is where all solar thermal system models and collectors in the state are certified.

Mary Watkins, the test technician for the solar ener-

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states and a U.S. territory have some type of solar or renewable incentive — including investment credits, rebates, sales tax, or property tax waivers.

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## AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

### Knight-Thon begins Saturday

UCF's largest philanthropy, Knight-Thon, will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight in UCF's Recreation and Wellness Center. The event raises money that benefits Children's Miracle Network.

Those who participate in the event stay awake and on their feet for up to 24 hours. The event includes free food, local bands and other forms of entertainment. For more information, contact knight-thon@mail.ucf.edu.

### VUCF holds Tutoring with Meals

Volunteer UCF will be hosting Tutoring with Meals today from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers will help provide peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to children living in poverty.

Those who are volunteering should meet in the front of the Visual Arts Building at 3 p.m. to carpool. For more information, contact vucf\_hunger@mail.ucf.edu.

### Greek Stroll Show begins Sunday

In celebration of Black History month the Black Female Development Circle will be hosting their Greek Stroll Show Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom. For more information contact kds2711@hotmail.com.

## LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

### Pilot dies after 2 air force planes crash into the Gulf of Mexico

**EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE** — An Air Force fighter pilot died Wednesday after his plane and another likely collided and crashed into the Gulf of Mexico during a training exercise. The other pilot was rescued and is expected to survive.

The two single-seat F-15C Eagles crashed Wednesday afternoon off the Florida Panhandle, about 35 miles south of Tyndall Air Force Base during an exercise "emphasizing basic maneuvers and tactics," said Col. Todd Harmer, commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing, 58th Fighter Squadron.

The Air Force will investigate, Harmer said. Weather in the area was clear.

The names of the pilots haven't been released pending notification of relatives. The surviving pilot was listed in good condition.

Harmer said in an e-mail statement announcing the death that Eglin Air Force Base had suffered a "great loss."

"We will continue to do everything we can to assist our families and Airmen at this tragic time," he said.

Both pilots had been with the wing "for quite some time," Harmer said.

A search began immediately after the planes disappeared about 2 p.m. local time.

A Coast Guard rescue jet located one pilot and radioed the location to a fishing vessel, which picked him up, said Coast Guard Petty Officer James Harless.

A Coast Guard helicopter then hoisted the pilot off the vessel.

That pilot told rescuers he saw the other pilot also eject but lost him in the clouds, Harless said.

He told them the approximate location for the second pilot, who was found by a Coast Guard helicopter, Harless said.

No debris from the jets has been found, Harless said.

The Air Force grounded all of its F-15s — nearly 700 — after the catastrophic failure of an F-15C during a routine training flight in Missouri in November. The pilot safely ejected.

Most were back in service by January, but others were grounded indefinitely after defects were found.

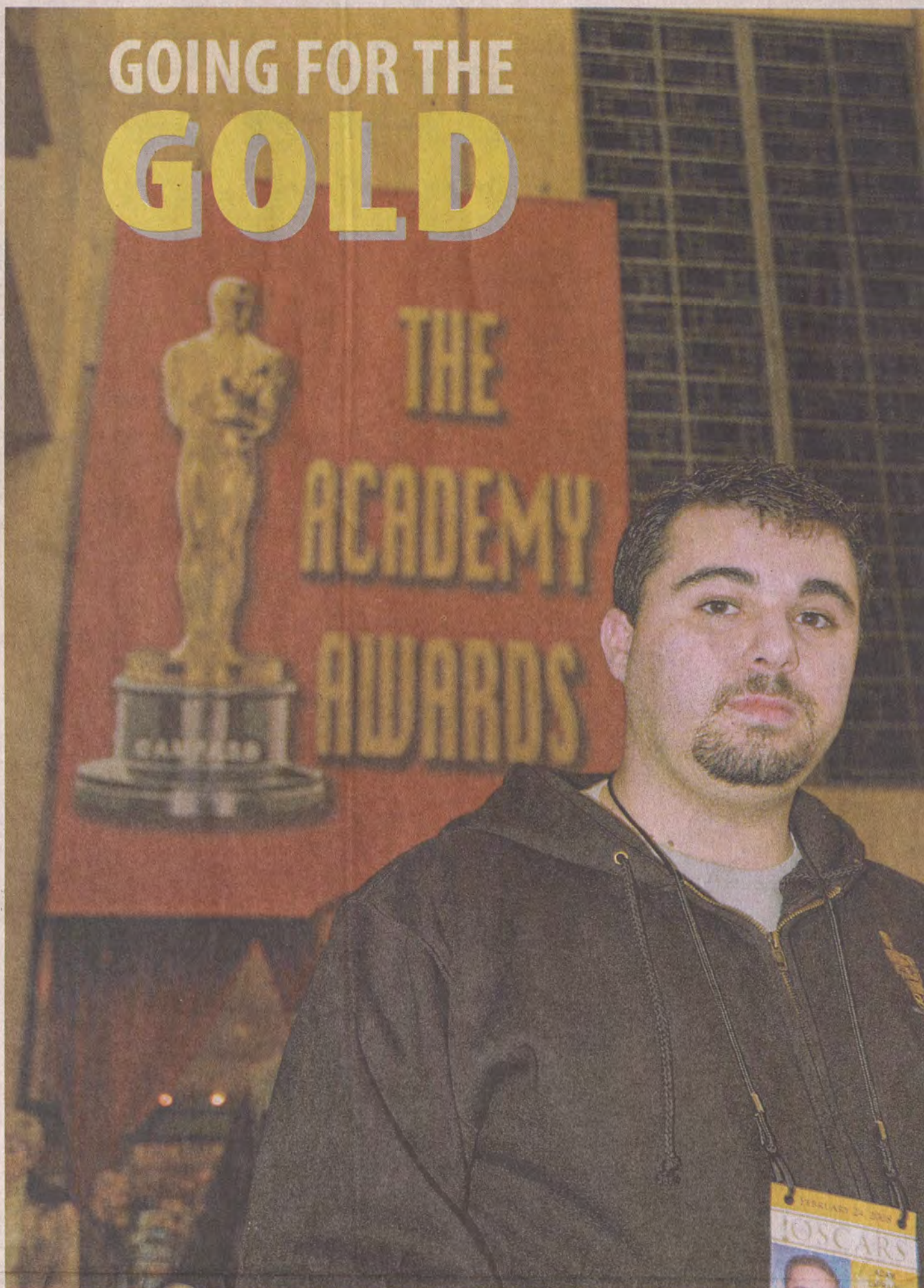
### Man charged with stealing, selling Lego Star Wars items

**WEST PALM BEACH** — Anthony Ricca called the *Star Wars* Legos items he sold on eBay "Heroes of the Galaxy." West Palm Beach authorities call his actions a \$42,000 theft scheme.

The 37-year-old Ricca is charged with grand theft and

PLEASE SEE LOCAL ON A4

# GOING FOR THE GOLD



UCF film major Adam LaPrade will be working as the credential system administrator for the 80th Annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday.

## Student will work at Oscars

BIANCA FORTIS  
Contributing Writer

Passion for movies has brought one UCF film student to the 80th Annual Academy Awards, which will be held on Sunday night in Los Angeles, Calif.

Adam LaPrade, 24, has been working as the credential system administrator for the award show since December. He was offered the position in fall 2007 after a series of jobs that evolved from a "four-hour gig" provided by the UCF film office.

"It was really a combination of luck, timing and flexibility," LaPrade said.

A few years ago, the UCF film office sent an e-mail looking for a student to be a production assistant for a game at the Citrus Bowl, which would be broadcast live on ESPN. LaPrade took the job because "it was a quick \$50 and dinner, all for four hours."

LaPrade ended up holding a dome microphone on the sidelines. About two years later, LaPrade received a phone call.

ESPN was looking for a production assistant for five days for the ESPN Bassmaster Classic. He accepted the position, and his boss was also one of the production coordinators for ESPN's X Games.

In 2006 and 2007, he worked as a production assistant for the Summer X Games in Los Angeles.

He met the woman in charge of the security system for the X Games.

"A week after I got back from the X Games, in August of '07, I got an e-

mail from her asking me to help her take some pictures for the badges for the Emmy Awards," LaPrade said.

LaPrade performed that task in September, and it seemed to impress her.

"A few weeks later, she called me and told me that the credential administrator for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences had quit and wanted to know if I wanted the job," LaPrade said.

It would require a four-month commitment.

"I initially thought, 'Thanks, but no thanks,'" LaPrade said. "I couldn't just interrupt my life to do this. I'd have to interrupt my job, my school and my housing lease in Orlando, which I still pay for."

After a long talk with his parents, LaPrade decided to take the opportunity.

"I'm using this as my independent study," LaPrade said, "so I'm still a student."

As the credentials system administrator, he oversees security. A credential is an electronic badge given to all employees to allow them access into various areas around the theatre. LaPrade, a digital media minor, designed the badges himself.

With a security force of 2,500 and a requirement that all employees undergo a full FBI background check, security around the Kodak Theatre is tight.

When he returns in April, he will be able to continue classes and return to his full-time job as a tour guide at Universal Studios.

Another of his accomplishments was directing a five-minute film for Campus Movie Fest called *The Importance of Playing Yardball*. Out of 2,500 submissions, his movie made it to the top 15. It was screened at the 2007 Atlanta Film Festival, where it was followed by a panel discussion. LaPrade and his friends continue to write short comedy skits, two of which have been featured in the *New York Times* humor section. The two films, *Good Morning, iPhone* and *Rock Band: One Man's Journey*, can both be found on YouTube.

LaPrade said he has wanted to study film for as long as he can remember. He explained that the film that kick-started his interest was *Jurassic Park* in 1993.

"I still watch that movie frequently," LaPrade said, "and each time I feel as if I'm watching it for the first time."

For now, LaPrade is busy with last-minute preparations for the show.

"I am excited," LaPrade said. "I didn't think I would be, especially since I deal with celebrities at Universal, but today included a chat with Jon Stewart and Vanessa Williams."

"It's interesting to me to think that millions and millions of people across the world will get to see this show, and I'm glad I had a role in it."

## LOCAL WEATHER



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High: 84°  
Low: 66°

### TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: A 30-percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
Tonight: A 20-percent chance of rain. South southwest wind around 5 mph.



**Saturday**  
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Low: 62°

**Sunday**  
MOSTLY SUNNY  
High: 77°  
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# Berkowitz/Delanois triumph, celebrate



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Top left: Concerned about the results of the election, Austin Smith (left) tells Brandon Delanois that things must still be dealt with, despite the fact that the elections are over. Delanois said he was willing and open to amending the situation whenever possible. Top right: A supporter of the Berkowitz/Delanois campaign embraces Delanois after the victory was announced. Bottom: Delanois (left) and Adam Giery talk after the results of the election were announced Wednesday.



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## LOCAL &amp; STATE

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fraud after allegedly stealing the Legos *Star Wars* toys from several Target stores in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

He was in court early Thursday and it wasn't immediately clear if he had a lawyer.

A message left on his home voice mail wasn't immediately returned.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said Ricca was arrested Wednesday after Target officials caught him shoplifting Legos.

Detectives also found an eBay account titled "Heroes of the Galaxy" and a company with the same name listing Ricca as president.

A search warrant of Ricca's home found hundreds of Lego products. Over \$42,000 in Legos has been sold on the "Heroes" eBay account, police said.

#### Child welfare workers to test electronic tracking during visits

MIAMI — Florida's child welfare caseworkers will soon be testing handheld GPS devices, to electronically update case information during home visits.

Gov. Charlie Crist and Department of Children and Families Secretary Bob Butterworth are scheduled to announce the testing Thursday morning.

Caseworkers currently use a paper form to record home visits, then type the information into a state database when they return to the office.

But cases aren't always updated promptly.

Officials say the handheld devices could speed up that process and help track files.

Each device will include GPS technology and a camera.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

## HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

#### Plan would let Congress weigh in on state budgets for colleges

Some federal lawmakers are trying to press states to provide consistent spending increases to their higher-education systems, saying they recognize that the level of state aid colleges receive plays a critical role in how much institutions are able to rein in tuition increases and spend on improving their quality.

The proposal would insert the federal government into state decisions about higher-education budgets, a new role that some colleges would welcome but that governors and state legislators call a dangerous precedent that might actually lead to less spending on higher education.

The proposal, which was included in the version of legislation to renew the Higher Education Act that the U.S. House of Representatives passed this month (*The Chronicle*, Feb. 8), would ask states to increase spending on higher education each year by at least as much as they increased it, on average, over the previous five years.

States that failed to do so would not receive any new matching funds from the federal government under the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program, which matches funds that states commit to provide grants to financially needy students.

The Senate version of the higher-education bill does not include the proposal, and House and Senate negotiators are now meeting to hash out that difference and others between their two bills.

As Congress seeks to apply pressure on colleges to keep costs down, proponents of the House-approved measure say states need to be held accountable, too, for the role they play in driving up the price of college when appropriations falter.

— CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## NATION &amp; WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



Republican presidential hopeful, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., accompanied by his wife, Cindy, speaks at a news conference in Toledo, Ohio, on Thursday.

#### McCain says report suggesting relationship 'not true'

TOLEDO, Ohio — John McCain emphatically denied a romantic relationship with a female telecommunications lobbyist on Thursday and said a report by *The New York Times* suggesting favoritism for her clients is "not true."

"I'm very disappointed in the article. It's not true," the likely Republican presidential nominee said as his wife, Cindy, stood beside him during a news conference called to address the matter.

"I've served this nation honorably for more than half a century," said McCain, a four-term Arizona senator and former Navy pilot. "At no time have I ever done anything that would betray the public trust."

McCain described the woman in question, lobbyist Vicki Iseman, as a friend.

The newspaper quoted anonymous aides as saying they had urged McCain and Iseman to stay away from each other prior to his failed presidential campaign in 2000. In its own follow-up story, the *Washington Post* quoted longtime aide John Weaver, who split with McCain last year, as saying he met with lobbyist Iseman and urged her to steer clear of McCain.

Weaver told the *Times* he arranged the meeting before the 2000 campaign after "a discussion among the campaign leadership" about Iseman.

McCain said he was unaware of any such conversation, and denied that his aides ever tried to talk to him about his interactions with Iseman.

His wife also said she was disappointed with the newspaper. The couple smiled throughout the questioning at a Toledo hotel.

The published reports said McCain and Iseman each denied having a romantic relationship.

#### 3 dead, 20 missing after ferryboat sinks in Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A ferryboat carrying more than 100 passengers collided with a barge carrying fuel tanks and sank to the bottom of the Amazon River on Thursday, officials said. At least three people died, and another 20 were missing and feared dead.

The Almirante Monteiro capsized at dawn near the isolated Brazilian town of Itacoatiara in the jungle state of Amazonas, state fire spokesman Lt. Clovis Araujo said.

He said 92 people were rescued by a nearby floating police station and several small boats.

"Rescue teams recovered the bodies of one woman and two children and are searching for another 20 passengers who we fear have also drowned," Araujo said. "The chances of finding them alive are remote."

He said he did not know how many people were on the barge, but "no one was hurt and the barge was not damaged."

Many of the missing were likely passengers who were asleep in cabins inside the two-story wooden vessel and were unable to get out before the boat sank, state public safety department spokesman Aguinaldo Rodrigues said.

Rodrigues said it was too early to determine the causes of the accident, but "visibility was very poor" at the time of the collision during the lunar eclipse that began Wednesday night.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### United States will work with new Pakistani government

WASHINGTON — President Bush called Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf following his party's loss in parliamentary elections, but the White House says it's up to the Pakistani people to decide the embattled leader's political future.

Bush called the Pakistani president on Tuesday during a flight from Rwanda to Ghana. White House press secretary Dana Perino disclosed the call Thursday but would not reveal what the two leaders discussed.

She said Bush has supported Musharraf all along because he "helped Pakistan on its path to democracy" and has been a good partner in the war against terrorists. She says it is "up to the Pakistani people to decide whether Musharraf retains his position."

#### Duke lacrosse players sue school, city; say case led to distress

RALEIGH, N.C. — More than three dozen current and former Duke lacrosse players claim in a lawsuit they suffered emotional distress during the furor over the now-discredited rape case against three of their teammates.

Attorneys planned to file a federal lawsuit Thursday in North Carolina that accuses Duke University, the City of Durham and several school and police officials of fraud, abuse and breach of duty for supporting the prosecution of the case.

Lead attorney Chuck Cooper said the private university turned its back on the players to protect the school's image.

The lawsuit filed on behalf of 38 unindicted players and nine members of their families seeks unspecified damages for invasion of privacy, emotional distress and other injuries. Cooper planned to discuss the lawsuit later Thursday at a news conference in Washington, D.C.

The players accuse Duke of ignoring, suppressing and discrediting evidence that proved the players innocent, with idly standing by while the players suffered abuse and harassment on campus, and with imposing discipline that implied the team was guilty. Duke suspended and then canceled the highly ranked team's season in the wake of the rape allegation.

Duke spokesman Keith Lawrence declined to comment until the university had time to review the lawsuit. Durham interim City Attorney Karen Sindelar did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment Thursday.

Former Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong won indictments against Dave Evans, Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligman after a woman accused them of raping her at a team party in March 2006. The case unraveled amid the woman's changing story and lack of evidence.

The three players were later declared innocent and also have sued the former prosecutor, the City of Durham and the police detectives who handled the case. They reached an undisclosed financial settlement with the university in June.

Nifong was disbarred and spent a night in jail for his handling of the case. Nifong is claiming more than \$180 million in liabilities, almost all tied to the prospect of losing two other lawsuits stemming from the rape case.

# Serb rioters set fire to U.S. Embassy office

SLOBODAN LEKIC  
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia — Serb rioters broke into the U.S. Embassy and set fire to an office Thursday, and police clashed with protesters outside other embassy buildings after a large demonstration against Kosovo's declaration of independence.

Masked attackers broke into the U.S. compound, which has been closed this week, just after 7 p.m. and tried to throw furniture from an office. They set fire to the office and flames shot up the side of the building.

It took police about 45 minutes to appear at the scene, and firefighters arrived about the same time and put out the blaze. Police secured the U.S. Embassy and surrounding area, blocking off all access.

The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Zalmay Khalilzad, said he was "outraged" by the attack and would ask the U.N. Security Council to issue a unanimous statement "expressing the council's outrage, condemning the attack, and also reminding the Serb government of its responsibility to protect diplomatic facilities."

Serbia's President Boris Tadic, on an official visit to Romania, appealed for calm and urged the protesters to stop the attacks and move away from the streets. Tadic said that violence was "damaging" Serbia's efforts to defend Kosovo, which declared its independence from Belgrade on Sunday.

More than a dozen nations have recognized Kosovo's declaration of independence, including the United States, Britain, France and Germany. But the declaration by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leadership has been rejected by Serbia's government and the ethnic Serbians who populate northern Kosovo.

For several days, Kosovo's Serbs have shown their anger by destroying U.N. and NATO property, setting off small bombs and staging noisy rallies.

On Thursday, the neighboring Croatian Embassy also was targeted by the same group of protesters at the U.S. Embassy, and smaller groups attacked police posts outside the Turkish and British embassies in another part of the city but were beaten back.

Elite police paramilitaries drove armored jeeps down the street outside the U.S. Embassy and fired dozens of tear gas canisters to clear crowds. The protesters fled into side streets where they continued clashing with the police.

Groups also broke into a McDonald's restaurant and demolished the interior. A number of other shops were also ransacked and people were seen carrying off running shoes, track suits and other sporting goods from a department store.

Doctors at Belgrade's emergency clinic reported treating more than 30 injured, half of whom were policemen. All were lightly injured, said Dusan Jovanovic, deputy chief of the clinic, adding that most

of the injured protesters were "extremely drunk."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the U.S. ambassador to Serbia was at his home and in contact with U.S. officials. Security officials and Marine guards were in a different part of the compound, but nobody was inside the embassy building, he said.

"We want to strongly urge them, and we are in contact with them, to make sure that they devote the assets to deal with this situation," McCormack told reporters, referring to the Serbian government.

Serbia has "a responsibility now to devote the adequate resources to ensure that that facility is protected," he said.

Kosovo, which is 90 percent ethnic Albanian, has not been under Belgrade's control since 1999, when NATO launched airstrikes to halt a Serbian crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists. A U.N. mission has governed Kosovo since, with more than 16,000 NATO troops and KFOR, a multiethnic force, policing the province.

But Serbia — and Kosovo's Serbs, who make up less than 10 percent of Kosovo's population — refuse to give up Kosovo, a territory considered the ancient cradle of Serbs' state and religion.

Earlier Thursday, police estimated that about 150,000 people had attended a rally in the Serbian capital. The crowd waved Serbian flags and carried signs reading "Stop USA terror." One group set fire to a red-and-black Albanian flag.



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Top, the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade burns after masked attackers broke into the building and set an office on fire Thursday. Above, police officers detain a rioter in front of the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade after a large demonstration against Kosovo's declaration of independence.



# Giery: 'I just want to say thank you to everyone'

FROM A1

Giery and Smith's volunteers stuck it out all day at the stations, despite having developed sunburns from being outside all day.

"We really worked hard," said Kyle Trager, a political science major and a volunteer with Giery and Smith's campaign. "I was on my bicycle, going around to all the stations making sure all the computers worked, making sure [the other volunteers] had water for themselves and telling people to put sunscreen on."

Giery and Smith's volunteers were also giving out stickers that said "I Voted Giery, Smith."

Trager said those stickers went fast because wearing them stopped people from constantly being asked if they had voted yet.

Trager said he saw one girl holding a sign saying that she voted already.

"That is very genius or a sad representation of our age group and voting," Trager said.

Wednesday, Giery and Smith's tent got some attention when the Phi Beta Sigmas performed a step show in front of it.

"We were trying to engage the voters and trying to get people involved," Trager said. "The student body doesn't feel the issues are enough, so they have to be enticed in some way."

Both tickets must have recognized this idea of enticing the voters, because they were giving out stickers, T-shirts, pizza and fliers to the students who walked by or stopped to vote.

Giery and Smith found themselves face-to-face with voters as well.

"We just walked around and talked to everyone about their platform and encouraged everyone to vote," Smith said.

Giery talked to the voters about the issues and even got some handshakes in.

"I easily must have shook over 2,000 hands this week," Giery said.

During the voting period, Giery and Smith reiterated their platform issues to stu-



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Left, SGA vice-presidential candidate, Austin Smith, and presidential candidate, Adam Giery, center, talk after results reveal that they lost the '08 SGA election on Wednesday. Giery and Smith had only 42.12 percent of the votes.

dents.

"The whole theme of our campaign was direct student input," Smith said. "The main thing I wanted to focus on was making SGA more democratic."

Giery also told his volunteers and supporters to keep their encouragement of the voters as honest as possible.

"I reminded our team that we were only going to run a clean campaign," Giery said.

Eric Eingold, a political science major and campaign volunteer for Giery and Smith, said that this election in particular was dirty.

"There is such a sharp contrast between the way each campaign was conduct-

ed," Eingold said.

Smith said that while Berkowitz was vice president, not much was changed.

"Now you'll see Logan as president," Smith said, "and I don't think you will see much more change."

Giery said he respects and loves every single one of his supporters. Overall, Giery

said everything went well.

"I am going to see if I can still make a change in different

avenues," Giery said. "If not, I am graduating and I'll see where life takes me."

## UCF leads U.S. in applied energy

FROM A1

gy division, tests the systems outside when the weather cooperates with the specific conditions she requires. To speed up the process, Watkins also tests inside with a powerful sunlight simulator.

Powered by argon gas, the bulb she uses is only a clear tube a few feet long, but she said it burns 40,000 times brighter than a fluorescent light bulb and can light five football fields.

"It's as close to the spectrum of real sunlight as man can get," Watkins said.

The hydrogen laboratory researches how to obtain and implement hydrogen technology, FSEC's communications specialist Sara Tour-nade said.

One project involves using biomass, such as citrus waste, which is full of sunlight, water and carbon dioxide, as fuel. But FSEC prides itself in stepping outside of the laboratory and applying its research.

When more than 40 ambassadors from countries such as Malaysia, Turkey and Germany visited in January, Fenton presented a slideshow titled "Practicing What We Preach."

Fenton used FSEC's main office building as an example in his presentation. It is equipped with solar panels, motion and light sensors that control fluorescent bulbs, and light shelves that control the daylight pouring through its hundreds of windows.

The windows are also specially designed to allow the sun's light in while keeping much of its heat out.

"We do theoretical research, but we are very applied in what we do," said

**"Today we are the largest state energy research institute in the United States. UCF is Number 1 in energy, and nobody knows it."**

— JAMES FENTON  
FSEC DIRECTOR

Subrato Chandra of FSEC's building science division.

Chandra serves as FSEC's project director for a U.S. Department of Energy program called Building America.

Building America researches building science and encourages home builders to construct energy-efficient homes. Building to "code," Chandra said, means constructing the worst possible building in terms of energy usage.

"It's the worst you can do without going to jail," Chandra said. "Builders want to do good, but they don't know how, so we teach them."

He said they not only insist that builders use energy-efficient technologies but also encourage them to consider better indoor air quality and durability.

Reducing the amount of energy used in a building in the first place is imperative to the success of solar energy, Chandra said.

In Florida, 51 percent of the energy used is used in

buildings. A photovoltaic system does only so much, he said, and just having one won't work without an initial kilowatts-per-hour reduction.

Chandra said he hopes that solar technology will be involved in the public's day-to-day life soon.

"Ten years down the road, I want to see the integration of the transportation sector with the housing sector," he said.

He said he envisions people owning plug-in hybrids, which they'll leave plugged in at work during the day and at home during the night.

The cars would receive power from photovoltaic systems, and the all-day charging would eliminate energy peak periods for the utility companies. These peak periods, he said, are a big problem for utilities because they cause them to run at full capacity during certain times of the day, which is strenuous and heightens the need to build more of them.

FSEC's involvement in Building America makes UCF the only university participant.

Fenton said that FSEC makes UCF unique in the world of applied energy research in other ways, too.

FSEC runs the Habitat for Humanity Energy Efficiency Program for the United States.

UCF is also the only university that leads a fuel cell team for the Polymer Electrolyte Membrane fuel cell for what Fenton called the "automobile of the future."

Despite its accomplishments, Fenton said the university is largely under the radar as far as recognition.

"Today we are the largest

state energy research institute in the United States," Fenton said. "UCF is Number 1 in energy, and nobody knows it."

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# Berkowitz, Delanois received 57.67% of votes

FROM A1

missioner Brandon Hamilton announced who the next student body president and vice president would be to an apprehensive crowd. Immediately, cheers rang out, and Berkowitz and Delanois were hoisted onto shoulders.

Berkowitz was almost speechless with joy.

"It's really tough to put into words," he said. "The last three to five months, so many people came together and believed in it. It's very relieving."

Delanois was ecstatic as well.

"All of us worked so hard," he said. "It's a result of everyone's hard work and we're only as strong as the people with us."

The election commission was thrilled for the record turnout of voters.

"It was a big turnout," said Election Commissioner Brandon Hamilton. "It was the biggest increase in elections."

Hamilton also said that during election week there weren't any run-ins with either side.

Not only was it a victory for Berkowitz and Delanois, but also for those who supported the two referendums on the ballot.

The first, which read: "Are you in favor of creating a 75-cent-per-credit-hour (about \$9 a semester) 'green fee' to generate a campus 'Sustainability Fund'?", passed with 67.14 percent of the vote.

The resolution received a



Supporters crowd around Logan Berkowitz Wednesday after it was announced that he and Brandon Delanois won the SGA election. Berkowitz/Delanois won with 57.67 percent of votes.

great deal of support from environmental organizations around campus, such as the Eco-Advocates.

The second, which read: "Do you support revising the Golden Rule to include an equal maximum punishment guideline for minor, on-cam-

pus marijuana and alcohol offenses for first, second and third time offenses, as defined by the Office of Student Conduct?" passed with 57.77 percent of the vote.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) threw a great

deal of support behind the resolution.

"This is definitely due to our support our members showed," said Troy Bennett, a member of NORML. "I want to thank UCF students for voting."

Brendon Rivard was one of

the co-writers of the resolution.

"I'm glad the student body agrees that marijuana is a safer drug than alcohol," Rivard said. "I'm looking forward to having the policy reflect that opinion."

There are several more

steps that need to be taken before either of these issues will change.

The next step for changing the Golden Rule would be for the authors of the resolution to go before the Golden Rule Review Committee.

"Hopefully, the Golden Rule Review Committee will agree that the student body has said marijuana is safer, and they don't vote against the student body," Rivard said.

"We're looking forward to working with the administration to set this policy."

Not everyone was thrilled with the results of the election, though.

"I feel that important things still won't change," Smith said. "The same people are winning, and nothing changes. They trick people into it every year."

One supporter of the Giery/Smith campaign expressed his thoughts on the results.

"As a supporter of Giery/Smith, I was somewhat heartbroken, but I still know that Logan and Brandon can still do good for the UCF community," junior business major Andrick Lewis said.

Lewis said he thinks the results prove that students who vote at home are still a voice on this campus. He said he thinks that Berkowitz and Delanois got a lot of votes from students not seen every day on campus.

The next step for Berkowitz and Delanois is to start implementing plans for their administration.

**"JACK BLACK IS HILARIOUS."**  
Ben Lyons, EL

**"IT'S AS IF BILL MURRAY AND DAN AYKROYD MORPHED INTO BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD. YOU'VE GOT TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT."**  
Pete Hammond, MAXIM

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## Campaign team added to success

FROM A1

who we surround ourselves with, people who are just hard workers, so well-connected," Delanois said. "They're people who really believed in us."

Berkowitz and Delanois said they think the key to their success was their preparation.

"This election was not done in the last three days; it was done in the last three months," said Andrew Stein, one of the campaign managers. "We had a great team of campaign managers who each had a specialization."

"We took it on as if we were running," said Luis Duco, one of the campaigners. "It was because of the respect and the way they treat us."

For the past two weeks, Berkowitz and Delanois held meetings with their campaign team almost every day.

"For the past two weeks before campaign, we met with and had meetings with different organizations every day," Berkowitz said.

When campaign week came, they were out campaigning at 8 a.m., and many of their campaigners stayed out past 6 p.m.

Campaign stations were set up around campus, some in front of the Student Union and others outside the Recre-



A Berkowitz/Delanois supporter hugs Brandon Delanois after his victory Wednesday. Berkowitz and Delanois won the SGA election with more than 50 percent of the votes.

ation and Wellness Center and Ferrell Commons.

Berkowitz's dad even made the trip up from South Florida to help his son out in his campaign.

"My dad is so involved in political campaigning down south," Berkowitz said.

Berkowitz said his dad was at computers and talking to campaigners.

Delanois traveled to the Rosen, Daytona and Cocoa regional campuses, easily

putting more than 300 miles on his car.

In his first year, Delanois was a Rosen student.

"Talking to students was great," he said. "A lot of these things on there [the platform] were from the Rosen school."

Not only did they go to regional campuses but they went door-to-door in apartment complexes around UCF.

The team would spend hours just talking to students about what SGA was all about

and answering questions.

Not everything about campaigning was easy, though. Before elections even started, some of the campaign signs were burned.

"The hard parts at some points were speaking. There's only so much time in a day we can devote to student organizations," Berkowitz said. "The actual manual labor was tough, getting the trucks, getting companies to push out stuff faster."

"In the end, crunch time financially was tough. You put so much effort into it and you wanna do everything you can."

In total, the campaign ended up costing about \$10,000, much of which was raised beforehand.

Not only did they ask family and friends to donate but businesses did as well.

"Even the campaigners voluntarily contributed," Berkowitz said. "A lot of the volunteers chipped in. That was the most heartwarming thing."

Now that the campaigning and the elections are over, Berkowitz and Delanois have a giant task ahead of them.

"Now the work begins," Berkowitz said. "We've learned so much about our points. We believe in them. We know we can do it. It's nothing we haven't been thinking about."

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UCF 110 | EAST CAROLINA 75



UCF guard Jermaine Taylor finishes an alley-oop dunk during the Knights' 110-75 victory over East Carolina on Wednesday. Taylor scored 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting. As a team, the Knights made 61.2 percent of their shots.

## UCF DESTROYS E-C-Who?

Hot shooting, solid ball handling leads to the Knights' highest point total in 17 years

PADRICK BREWER  
Sports Editor

**O**n a night where everything went right for the UCF Men's Basketball team offensively, even the backups couldn't miss.

Though it took the Knights more than two minutes to get their first points on the board, once they grabbed the lead, they never looked back and cruised to a 110-75 win at home against East Carolina on Wednesday.

UCF (14-11 overall, 7-4 in Conference USA) maintained its tenuous hold on fourth place in C-USA as it won the second game of what the team has called its "seven-game season."

"The last seven conference games of the season, we wanted to approach that as a seven-game season. We gotta win all these seven games ...," UCF guard Mike O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell bounced back from his two-point outing against Rice on Saturday with a 22-point effort against the Pirates.

### GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

**(NEARLY) SWEET 16**  
The Knights' 15 3-pointers against East Carolina was 1 shy of a school record, which was set in 2004.

**GIVING 110 PERCENT**  
UCF's 110 points against the Pirates rank as the 4th-highest total in a C-USA regular-season game.

UCF started the first half on fire, shooting 19-of-32 including 8-of-16 on 3-pointers. Of its 32 shots, only six weren't layups or 3-pointers, something UCF guard Jermaine Taylor attributed to how ECU decided to play defense.

"They were leaving us open on the wing, so we did what we did," he said.

And what the Knights did was go on a 16-6 run

PLEASE SEE **EFFICIENT** ON A9

## UCF's pitching relies on depth

Good gets opening day start



Sophomore Carmine Giardina is slated to be one of the Knights' top options in the bullpen to start the 2008 season. He is one of 16 pitchers on the staff.

BRIAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

The UCF Baseball team's motto this season is "Punch Back." It's a saying that the team adopted during the off-season and can be seen on the backs of the players' shirts during practice.

It addresses the amount of respect — or lack thereof — the Knights feel has been given to them since they moved from the Atlantic Sun Conference into Conference USA in 2006.

Granted, the Knights haven't finished above .500 since the move, but the feeling around the team is that this season,



which begins today, will be the one in which the Knights earn that respect and finally make a name for themselves in one of the most difficult baseball conferences in the nation.

UCF's pitching rotation got punched around a little bit last year, ending the season with the league's third-highest earned run average and second-highest amount of hits allowed.

Many of the players who contributed to those totals are back for 2008, but the Knights don't expect more of the same.

They believe this season will be very different because of the staff's experience, versatility and depth.

Senior Jaeger Good will get the start tonight. UCF head coach Jay Bergman that Good is not completely locked into the role of being the team's No. 1 starter, but that he has certainly earned the opportunity to fill that role.

Good pitched just 14 innings in his first two seasons as a Knight, but he was one of the team's pleasant surprises last year as he went 5-5 and struck out 62 batters in 88 innings — all team highs.

He spent most of last season as the Knights' Sunday starter. Now he needs to prepare himself for what could be a full season as the staff's ace.

"I think now that I've experienced it and done the grind from last year, I think I know how to go into each weekend and learn from each inning," Good said. "Last year helped me a lot for this year."

Junior left-handed pitcher Mitch Herold will be on the mound for game two, and pitching coach Craig Cozart said he might be what Good was last year: a pitcher who entered the season under the radar, but contributed plenty of solid outings.

Cozart said the problem with Herold in his career has been consistency. He began last sea-

PLEASE SEE **KNIGHTS** ON A8

## Softball bounces back from losses with drubbing of Stetson Hatters

Sophomore infielder drives home three RBIs in shutout win

MELISSA HEYBOER  
Editor-in-Chief

After losing four of its past five games, in which they were outscored 16-4, the UCF Softball team entered Wednesday's game against in-state rival Stetson in Deland with a little something to prove.

The Knights did just that, blanking the Hatters 6-0, thanks in part to a four-run first inning.

UCF led off the first inning with consecutive singles from Tiffany Lane, Marquita Council and Breanne Javier to load the bases.

With the bases full and no outs, Hillary Barrow hit a sacrifice fly to right-center

### SCOREBOARD

**6-0**

UCF vs. Stetson

field to score Lane from third. The next batter, Brittany Hipple, ripped a single to left field to reload the bases.

Then a single to right field off the bat of Lindsey Dean scored Council and Javier and gave the Knights a 3-0 lead.

With just one out, Ashleigh Cole kept things going with a single to second base, scoring Hipple from third.

Cat Snapp kept the inning alive by reaching on a fielder's choice, but the next two Knights would give UCF its second and third outs to end the inning.

Both teams would keep each other at bay for the next five innings until the Knights would tack on two more runs in the top of the seventh inning.

With one out, Council singled through the right side and Javier followed with a single of her own, putting runners on first and third.

Barrow then ripped a double through the left side, scoring Council and Javier to give the Knights a command-



UCF infielder Hillary Barrow knocked in 3 runs during the Knights' 6-0 victory over Stetson on Wednesday. Barrow is hitting just .179, but her 7 RBIs are second-most on the team.

PLEASE SEE **HURLER** ON A9

## schedule



**MEN'S TENNIS**  
**SOUTHERN MISS**  
FEB. 22-24

2 P.M. (AWAY)  
The Knights begin the three-match C-USA Shootout when they face the host Golden Eagles. UCF's last three matches have all ended with 6-1 scores.



**SOFTBALL**  
**AUBURN**  
FEB. 22-24

4 P.M. (HOME)  
The Knights will compete in the UCF Tournament in which they will play five games in the next three days.



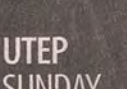
**BASEBALL**  
**FLORIDA A&M**  
FEB. 22-24

6:30 P.M.  
Opening day for the Knights is tonight as they take on the Rattlers. UCF will be looking to win its first season-opening game in three years.



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**TULANE**  
TODAY

7 P.M. (HOME)  
The Knights begin their final home stand of the season against the Green Wave. The Knights have lost seven straight games.



**UTEP**  
**SUNDAY**  
2 P.M. (HOME)  
UCF will face the No. 19 Miners who are undefeated in conference play and 21-2 overall this season.



**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
**JACKSONVILLE**  
SATURDAY  
NOON (AWAY)

UCF will meet the Dolphins, who are coming off a 6-1 victory over Hofstra on Feb. 15.



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**MARSHALL**  
SATURDAY  
2 P.M. (AWAY)

UCF will play the Thundering Herd in an effort to hold on to its fourth-place spot in C-USA. The Knights defeated Marshall 77-63 back on Feb. 6 in Orlando.



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## UCF SPORTS BRIEFS

## Frisell, McNicol shine as women's tennis wins 6-1

### Women's tennis

Apparently, 6-1 is the score de jour for the UCF Women's Tennis team.

After losing 6-1 to Miami on Saturday and 6-1 to Florida International on Sunday, the Knights bounced back with a 6-1 win of their own, this time over North Florida on Wednesday.

The Lady Ospreys got their only point of the match when UCF's Elvira Serrot narrowly lost 6-3, 6-7, 1-0 (12-10) to Natalia Sanchez in the No. 1 spot.

Jenny Frisell and Kyla McNicol were the main Osprey hunters for the Knights.

Frisell beat Vanessa Sanchez in straight sets in the No. 2 spot, while McNicol defeated Ina Durcakova in straight sets in the No. 3 spot. They were the only straight-set victories for UCF in singles action.

Frisell and McNicol also teamed up in doubles in the No. 1 spot to beat Sanchez and Carolina Melo 8-5.

The Knights moved to 3-4 on the year and North Florida fell to 2-4.

Next up for UCF is the Jacksonville Dolphins — its eighth straight in-state opponent — in Jacksonville tomorrow at noon, before coming back to the UCF Tennis Complex for a three-match home stand starting Wednesday.

### Men's golf

In a tournament that featured 10 of the top 30 teams in the country, the UCF Men's Golf team finished tied for 13th — out of 15 teams — at the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational on Tuesday.

The Knights shot the fifth-best final round in the tournament but finished with a 37-over-par 901.

Alabama won the team title with a 9-over-par 873.

UCF's David Johnson had the best showing for the Knights, shooting a final round 1-under-par 71 to end up 2 over par for the tourney. Johnson finished tied for ninth with South Carolina's Mark Ander-

### UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS

#### JENNY FRISELL



**Sport:**  
Tennis

**Achievement:**  
Beat North Florida's Vanessa Sanchez in singles after teaming up with Kyla McNicol for a doubles victory.

#### DAVID JOHNSON



**Sport:**  
Golf

**Achievement:**  
Finished the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational tied for 9th place with a score of 2 over par.

son and Charlotte's Trevor Murphy.

Nuno Henriques and Preston Brown were the only other Knights to finish in the top 50.

Henriques ended up tied for 25th, with a 7-over-par 223 and Brown ended with 10-over-par 226 to tie for 38th.

UCF's next event is the UCF Rio Pinar Invitational, which begins Monday in Orlando.

— COMPILED BY PADRICK BREWER

## Efficient guards lead the way with 19 assists and 1 turnover

FROM A7

NEXT GAME: TOMORROW, 2 P.M.



VS.



C-USA: 7-4

Overall: 14-11

Rank: 4th in C-USA

C-USA: 6-6

Overall: 14-11

Rank: 8th in C-USA

from 9:01 to 4:40 in the first half on 6-of-8 shooting where in six of their shots were 3-pointers.

Taylor accented UCF's hot first half when he came down the right side of the court, signaling for the ball near the right baseline. Taylor Young, dribbling near the 3-point line, threw it up toward the basket for Taylor, who slammed it home and brought the crowd of 4,323 to its feet.

UCF went into halftime with a 15-point lead, but after what happened the last time the Knights and Pirates played — when the Knights let a 13-point halftime lead slip away, but hung on for a 5-point victory — UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said that his team knew they had to continue to play tough in order to secure the win.

"It was something we had stressed to our guys, if we were able to get a lead to try to extend that and not allow them to come back in the ball game," Speraw said. "We did a good job of that on the offensive end."

As good as the Knights were in the first half, they were better in the second, even though some of the stars saw few minutes.

Taylor scored 11 of his 23 points in second half despite playing just nine minutes. O'Donnell played for seven minutes and Dave Noel was the only starter who played for more than 10 minutes in the second half.

But even without most of the starters, the UCF offense was in good hands.

Literally.

With about five minutes left in the game, Cordell Pope had the ball near the right wing when he lost control.

Several Pirates kicked the

ball around before gaining possession. On the attempted outlet pass, Chip Cartwright tipped the ball, which sent it toward the sideline. Pope then did his best impression of a sideline drill in football.

He grabbed the ball as he was falling out of bounds and rifled a pass to Andre Thornton under the basket.

Thornton did a head fake before swinging a pass to a wide open Noel, who nailed a 3-pointer to put the Knights up 96-69.

UCF shot 62.9 percent in the second half and was 7-of-13 on its 3-pointers, although the Knights did allow the Pirates to shoot more than 50 percent in the same period.

"I thought we were spunky on defense," Speraw said. "I thought we had moments where we were good defensively and other moments where we allowed them to score on too many consecutive possessions, so that's something we gotta get better at."

Guards Noel, Cartwright, O'Donnell and Young combined for 19 of UCF's 25 assists and committed just one turnover. Speraw said was proud of how his guards protected the ball and called Noel's line — 14 points, seven assists and no turnovers — was remarkable.

After a Rice game in which several UCF players got into foul trouble early, no Knight picked up his second foul until 11:39 left in the first half, and none of them had more than three fouls for the game.

The Pirates (8-16 overall, 2-9 in C-USA) lived up to their reputation of having the worst 3-point defense in the conference, but their 3-point offense did couldn't get started.

ECU was 6-of-20 from behind the arc for the game and made only three 3-pointers in each half.

And while he was on the bench during the final minutes of the game, Taylor said that it was no less exciting.

"It's always fun to just sit back and just watch [the back-ups] play and see how good they're gonna do," he said.

And who did he think was most impressive?

"Taylor was dropping dimes everywhere tonight."

Next up for the Knights is Marshall tomorrow in Huntington, W. Va. at 2 p.m. The Thundering Herd are 12-3 at home after losing 79-76 to UTEP on Wednesday.

But after his team's performance against ECU, Taylor said the Knights can play with most anyone in the country.

"When we play like that, it's hard to stop us," he said.

## Hurler throws 7 strong innings

FROM A7

ing 6-0 lead.

Six runs were all the Knights needed as Cole pitched seven shutout innings, holding the Hatters to just two hits.

The win was Cole's first of the season, improving her record to 1-3.

The Knights totaled nine hits. Council and Javier recorded two hits each for the Knights,

while five other UCF batters had one hit each.

Barrow led UCF with three RBIs.

With the win, the Knights improved their record to 7-6 on the season.

UCF's road trip was cut short when its game against the Bethune-Cookman Lady Wildcats on Thursday was canceled due to rain. The game will be rescheduled for April 30 at 1 p.m.

The Knights will host the UCF Tournament this weekend.

The Knights are set to play Auburn in their first game Friday at 4 p.m., followed by Birmingham-Southern at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, the Knights will face George Mason at 1:30 p.m., and No. 12 Michigan at 6 p.m.

UCF will conclude the tournament Sunday with a matchup against Drake University at 11 a.m.

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This Southern indie-rock band from Tennessee is playing with guests Whiskey & Co. and Gasoline Heart. \$15

## SATURDAY

**Michael Buble, New UCF Arena, 8 p.m.**

If you didn't already get your tickets to this show, you're out of luck. But if you did, you will get to see this jazzy crooner perform live. Sold out

**Third Eye Blind, Universal Studios Orlando, 8:30 p.m.** Come sing about your semi-charmed life at Universal's Mardi Gras with this California rock band. \$46.95

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## man, you really got... old



ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Van Halen still touring, adds bassist son to lineup

CHRISTINE MULLEN  
Staff Writer

"I got it bad, got it bad, got it bad, I'm hot for... who?"

It's not every day that a rock icon forgets the lyrics to his own song — at least not a sober rock icon.

Flamboyant Van Halen front man David Lee Roth was lacking energy when the band played at the Amway Arena on Feb. 14, at least compared to his earlier days on stage.

He did manage to deliver some intense chrome microphone twirls — somewhat like a marching band leader — and three wardrobe changes that incorporated the same Sergeant Pepper/Elvis glam jacket in different colors, all while flaunting his shortened blonde hair, chiseled abs and circulation-stopping pants.

The fun began when the band opened up with "You Really Got Me," which was highly appropriate for the Valentine's Day concert. However, lead guitarist Eddie Van Halen didn't start off the song with the traditional extensive solo; he saved it until the end of the show, when he blew every-

one away with his mind-numbing performance.

Eddie Van Halen's talent and dedication to his craft are visible in his deformed fingers, which are practically worn down to nubs.

He has an insane ability to thrash on his numerous guitars, even in his rolled-down red Chuck Taylors and white cargo capri pants.

Eddie Van Halen's long-haired, 16-year-old son Wolfgang got a taste of rockstardom, too. He got to rip it up on the bass as the replacement for the late Michael Anthony.

The tour is a family experience for the Van Halens and one to cherish for the rest of their tour dates across the nation.

Many of the older fans raced around the venue with their

newly purchased merchandise and shared mixed views of the '80s hair band. Some were unimpressed with the performance, while others couldn't get enough.

There wasn't an empty seat in the Arena, not even the ones that don't have a view of the stage.

The black-and-white circular catwalk was enticing enough to cause even grown men to flood the stage in hopes of touching Roth as he passed.



ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

Back in the '80s, Roth became well-known for his flamboyant showmanship and outrageous off-stage behavior.

During their hit "Jump," Roth chose not to execute his infamous midair split. He replaced it with a lap or two around the stage instead. The highlight of the action on stage was when Eddie Van Halen and Roth performed side by side for half a song.

Alex Van Halen's drum kit promised a much-needed, intense solo because of its extensive collection of various pieces. Nonetheless, it was another letdown. During his seven-minute breakdown, the reverberation of the heavily processed, synthesized effects rang out through the stadium, dulling the raw energy of the beat and creating a shaky performance.

Classic hits such as "Runnin' with the Devil," "Beautiful Girls" and "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love" gave everyone their fill of that loving feeling.

After the blinding lights and enormous disco ball, fans stumbled out of the venue and blared Van Halen in their minivans and sedans. It was a blast from the past for nostalgic fans.



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<b>Juno</b> (PG-13) 12:25p, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
<b>No Country for Old Men</b> (R) 1:10p, 6:45

— Listings for Friday, Feb. 22

## THE TUBE

**FRIDAY FEB. 22**  
8 p.m. NBC 7 vs. 100  
Season Finale! Season 2 closes with a Chicago woman returning to face the mob, which includes regulars Sommore and Ross "The Intern" Mathews.

**SATURDAY FEB. 23**  
9 p.m. MyTV Paradise Hotel 2  
The first new guest checks in and is greeted with a wild welcoming party. Before long, a new love interest develops. I'm pretty sure the original Paradise Hotel was on about eight years ago. Evidently, it was such a hit they had to bring it back.

**SUNDAY FEB. 24**  
8:30 p.m. ABC The 80th Annual Academy Awards  
Jon Stewart makes his second hosting appearance at the 80th annual ceremonies, which will be telecasted from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. Thanks to the Oscars, the writer's strike is over, woo hoo!

**MONDAY FEB. 25**  
9:30 p.m. El The Soup  
This Talk Soup variation broadens the satire to include pop culture and news stories. If you watch this show you don't have to bother watching all the other terrible reality shows to make fun of them with your friends.

**TUESDAY FEB. 26**  
10 p.m. CBS Jericho  
When Jake discovers that the government official who is supposed to protect them is actually withholding a vaccine for the Hudson River virus, he and the Rangers take their survival into their own hands. This show has been a little like a soap opera since it came back. Hope it gets better before it's gone forever.

**WEDNESDAY FEB. 27**  
10:30 p.m. Comedy Central Reno 911!  
To stop a string of robberies at a local burger joint, deputies go to work as fast food employees, where they meet a boss even tougher than Lt. Dangle. This show is still pretty funny, and new episodes air every week at this time.

**THURSDAY FEB. 28**  
9 p.m. ABC Lost  
Sayid and Desmond hit a bit of turbulence on the way to the freighter, which causes Desmond to experience some unexpected side effects. Is it possible that Sayid will crash into the ocean?

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## BILLBOARD

TOP 5 ALBUMS:  
Artist / Title / Label

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3. Alicia Keys / *As I Am* / BMG
4. Various Artists / *Grammy Nominees 2008* / Hip-O
5. Herbie Hancock / *River: The Joni Letters* / Universal

## BOOK WORM

## Twilight full of suspense, desire

BILLIE HARTL  
Staff Writer

I've never been a fan of vampires. I didn't watch *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and the very thought of Dracula sends chills down my spine.

However, when I started writing this column, I promised myself I would be open to reading books I typically wouldn't be interested in. A friend recommended *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer, and although I was skeptical at first since the book is classified as teen lit, I was delighted with the outcome of this quirky love story.

The book starts out as the

typical "new kid in town" tale. Bella Swan moves to Forks, Wash., the place of her birth, to live with her police chief father.

During the first day at her new school, she sees a group of outsiders in the cafeteria, who she is told are the adopted children of a local doctor. One of the boys, Edward Cullen, is alarmingly handsome, and Bella finds herself immediately attracted to him even though he acts oddly around her.

Gradually, readers come to realize that this is a story of star-crossed lovers, not unlike the couple made famous by William Shakespeare. Edward, after

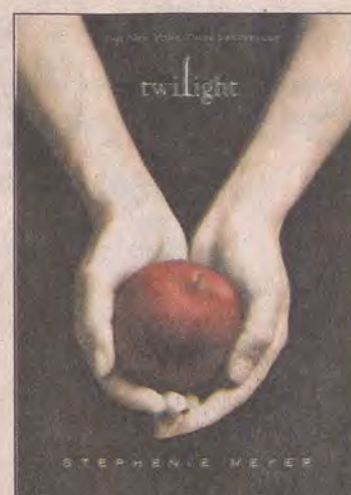
all, is a vampire, and his intense lust for Bella could lead him to take her life. Through a series of adventures, Bella is faced with a life-changing decision: Should she have Edward make her a vampire and live forever with him, or should she remain human?

There are a few flaws in the story. Bella as a character is at times extremely whiney and self-centered, and her love for Edward seems to be based solely on his looks. The relationship

between Edward and Bella is a little underdeveloped and immature. Nevertheless, this novel shines for the most part.

I think the real triumph in this book is that, although it is written for adolescents, it is still an enjoyable read for an older crowd.

There are two sequels out and another one in the works, so definitely check them out if you are interested in the continuation of the *Twilight* series. I know I am.

Twilight  
By: Stephenie Meyer

★★★★•

## A LA MODE

## Students hung up on spring styles

PATRICIA WEIGEL  
Staff Writer

There are a few things — OK, maybe many — that make me downright giddy. One of them is pulling out my favorite warm-weather clothes and feeling the hot air on my skin again.

Even though it's February, it feels to me like spring is in the air. Not because the weather forecast says so, but because I am tired of wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts.

It is times like these when I realize how I have it "made in the shade" as a Floridian, no pun intended. We can wear a sweater and boots one day, and the next day it will be 80 degrees and we can pull out the sunglasses and lie out by the pool. The versatility in what Floridians can wear is amazing and so great for people, like me, who hate getting stuck wearing the same old thing.

So this week, I decided I was going to retire my boots for the season and start to bring out some of my favorite spring pieces. I sported a bright-coral, cotton, criss-cross strapped dress Tuesday. Granted, it was a little chilly but I could not resist my urge to brighten things up. Sacrificing my arms to a few cases of the goosebumps was a small price to pay. I did realize

that I might look a little out of place, so I threw a white cropped jacket on, too. It was just what I needed to get through my end-of-winter blues.

It seems other UCF students are starting to feel the same fashion cabin fever.

Rebecca Vandegrift is one of them, and she had a prediction for one spring 2008 must-have.

"I think it is going to be about the miniskirts," Vandegrift said.

The 18-year-old freshman was wearing a light denim skirt with a black shirt.

"I think it is really going to be about the natural look," Vandegrift said. "I watch Tyra [Banks], and she told me."

Jennifer Mesorana, a freshman pre-clinical major, also had some ideas about what she predicts for spring fashion.

"Big tote bags in light colors and big sunglasses," Mesorana said.

She also said that she thinks pastel tanks will be a wardrobe must.

Both women seemed genuinely excited about what is coming up in the fashion front this spring.

Who can blame them?

If there is anything better than the warm air and sunny days of spring, it is choosing that perfect outfit that says, "Hey, look at me!" — in a not-so-obvious way.



Jennifer Mesorana, left, said she thinks a big spring trend will be pastel tanks, while Rebecca Vandegrift, right, said miniskirts will be all the rage for spring.

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## QUICK FLIX

# Sorry, Charlie; Be Kind Rewind, In Bruges come out on top

WILLIAM GOSS  
Staff Writer

## Be Kind Rewind

**DIRECTOR:** Michel Gondry  
**STARS:** Jack Black, Mos Def, Melonie Diaz, Danny Glover, Mia Farrow

★★★★•

Bringing together the distinctive and endearing elements of writer-director Michel Gondry's work to date — the willfully subjective history of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, the vivid imagination of *The Science of Sleep*, the communal good nature of *Dave Chappelle's Block Party* — the French filmmaker tells this relentlessly creative and somewhat touching tale of

two friends, Jerry and Mike (Jack Black and Mos Def), who find themselves remaking popular films after the former's paranoid schemes result in erasing every last videotape in the store Mike works at.

The resulting remakes have an undeniable rough-hewn appeal, Black and Def share an oddly winning chemistry, and the sentimental come-together climax for once feels genuinely earned. If nothing else, it's the most singularly unique feature in wide release at the moment, so here's to the unconventional.

Opens in theaters everywhere today.

## Charlie Bartlett

**DIRECTOR:** Jon Poll  
**STARS:** Anton Yelchin, Robert Downey Jr., Kat Dennings, Hope Davis

★★★★•

A fusion of Ferris Bueller and countless other rebellious high-school heroes, the wry dweeb that is Charlie Bartlett (Anton Yelchin) finds himself kicked out of yet another private school and inadvertently becoming the bathroom-stall psychiatrist of his new public school peers.

An overall predictable high-school comedy tailor-made for a generation prescribing their problems away, it's still hard to deny the generally amiable charm of *Charlie Bartlett* and its performances, particularly that of Robert Downey Jr. as the sardonic principal keeping tabs on the new kid, who is himself keeping tabs on Downey's daughter (Kat Dennings of *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*).

Opens in theaters everywhere today.

## In Bruges

**DIRECTOR:** Martin McDonagh  
**STARS:** Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Ralph Fiennes, Clemence Poesy

★★★★•

Academy Award-winning playwright Martin McDonagh makes his feature directorial debut with *In Bruges*, ostensibly a lark about two hitmen in hiding (Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson, both excellent) in the titular Belgian town, awaiting instructions from their hot-headed boss (Ralph Fiennes, menacing even off screen) in the wake of a botched job.

This isn't to imply that the film isn't funny; it is, sometimes very much so and often in unexpected ways, but the story and Farrell's perform-

ance in particular end up carrying a surprising amount of heft in their respective ways. It's the kind of witty crime thriller that makes you remember a time when it wasn't so easy to dismiss similar fare as "post-Tarantino."

As for me, I don't necessarily see "post-McDonagh" catching on as a label, but now's no time to sell this man, or this movie, short.

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Sheryl Crow's catalog of music includes chart toppers, great breakup songs and catchy folk-rock ballads.

With the debut of *Detours*, Crow adds her most personal creation to her long string of successes. The songstress combines her environmentally conscious writing with a variety of personal triumphs and hand delivers them all on her new album.

*Detours* has become a display of political activism in one of its most beautiful and powerful forms — music. Even taking the status quo into account, Crow's outlook on the problems of the world appears optimistic. Instead of bashing those at fault for societal troubles, Crow advocates



Sheryl Crow  
Album: *Detours*

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positive change. The added bonus is that her catchy melodies and signature vocals make for an intimate auditory experience that is universally relatable. "Make It Go Away (Radiation Song)" is backed by Crow's influen-

tial story of beating cancer. The repetitive nature of the song shares her lament of the unforgiving illness that consumed both her life and songwriting.

The entire album sounds like a transitional phase for Crow, who brings her classic style to the table but adds a contemporary twist. "God Bless This Mess" is one of the highlights on the album with the opinionated nature of the lyrics and the rawness of the recording.

*Detours* is a haven for the serious messages found in songs like "Out of Our Heads." The song manages to become both a social commentary and the feel-good track on the album. On the flip side, "Lullaby for Wyatt" features a mellow string composition supported by

acoustic guitar and soft piano. The song emphasizes the personal side of Crow's music, as the new mother wrote the song about her adopted son. Equally personal is "Diamond Ring," which hints at possible reasoning for Crow's separation from ex-boyfriend Lance Armstrong.

There are two tour dates scheduled for Sheryl Crow in Florida. Crow is coming to Jacksonville on April 27 for a show at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts. She will also make her way to Clearwater for a show on April 29 at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Both shows start at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$46 to \$96.

Send questions, comments and album suggestions to [AmandaKShapiro@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaKShapiro@gmail.com).

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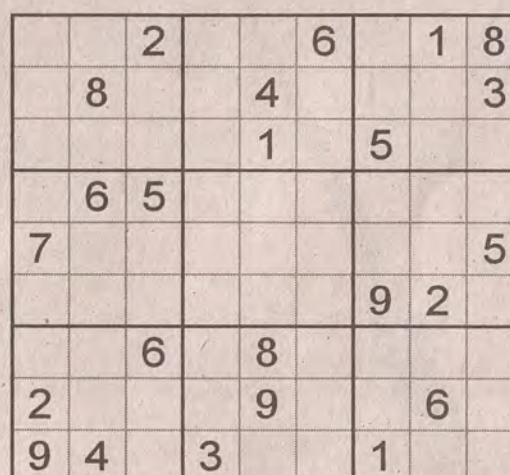
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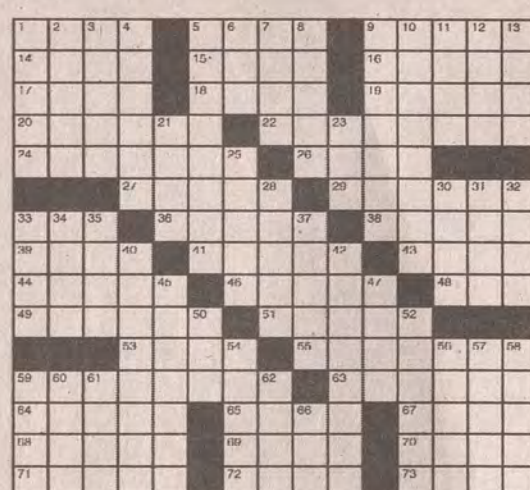
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33 Circle part  
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43 Cinch  
44 Ed who played  
bow  
46 Flat-top hills  
48 Impressive skill  
49 In tatters  
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capacity  
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